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OF OPTICAL PICKUP DEVICE )

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USP 6,449,095 B1  
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The above-listed documents are considered pertinent and applicable to the above-captioned patent because they were cited in the attached European Search Report as prior art to the European patent application related to the above-captioned patent.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the enclosed documents be made of record and placed in the file for the above-captioned patent.

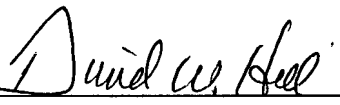
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